SUSHILA ROHATGI): In relation to point 11.1 of Punjab Accord signed metween the Prime Minister and late Sant Shri Harchand Singh Longowal it is prposed to take some more steps. Among others these include:

(a) The UGC have been requested to consider on the basis of their assessment, provision of special assistance to the Departments of Punjabi Language in the Universities located in Punjab.

(b) The Sahitya Academy and other institutions working under the Department of Culture has been requested to initiate enhance programme of publications in Punjabi language and implement activities which will ensure preservation and promotion of Punjabi folk art and culture.

(c) The Government of Punjab have been requested to indicate whether they would need additional funds for the preparation and production of university level books in Punjabi language.

2. The Government of India have already been implementing a number of programmes for the development and promotion of Punjabi language. These include:

(a) The Northern Regional Language Centre at Patiala of the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore has over the years provided training facilities for training of teachers in Punjabi language.

(b) The Department of Education of the Ministry of Human Resource Development has purchased, under one of its programmes 59 titles in Punjabi language costing Rs. 4.05 lakhs for free distribution during the last five years.

(c) Under the scheme of preparation and production of University level books in the regional languages, the Department of Education has already provided to the Government of Punjab an amount of Rs. 79.69 lakhs.

(d) The National Book Trust has produced during the last five years 14 books in Punjabi language of which 2 were original works, 8 traslations into Punjabi language and 4 reprints.

(e) The Sahitya Academy has brought out a large number of publications in Punjabi language and also given awards to a number of Punjabi books. The position is indicated below:—

	No. of Books
(1) Awards given	24
(2) Novels, Stories and Dramas published	30
(3) Books published under makers of Indian literature series	15
(4) General Books published	10
(5) Punjabi books translated and published in other Indian languages	5
(6) Punjabi books published in English	5

(f) The Department of Education provides financial assistance to voluntary organisations working for the development and promotion of Punjabi for such activities as organisation of conferences, seminars etc.

Taking over of house of late Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

1059. SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received by Government to take over the ancestral house of late Maulana Abul Kalam Azad; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) This Ministry has not received any such representation so far.

(b) Does not arise.

Selection of students from the Third World Countries for admission in the IIT Delhi

1060. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that students from the Third World countries were selected for admission to the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi under the training programme in the area of renewable energy systems sponsored by the United Nations Universities;

(b) if so, what is the criterion for selecting the candidates;

(c) whether it is a fact that Dr. Narendra Mohan Swami, Director of the IIT, Delhi a textile expert went to Cairo and London for selecting the candidates in 1985 instead of sending the Head of Energy Department as is usually being done under the ITMMEC programme; and

(d) if so, whether any enquiry has been made in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, runs a training programme in the area of renewable energy systems, sponsored by the United Nations University, for the benefit of the students from the developing countries.

(b) The selection for the training programme, which is widely advertised through the foreign Missions in India as wells as through related Ministries and Universities of the developing countries, is made on the basis of academic background of the candidate, the academic programme he has on-hand, his future academic programme and the infrastructure and scope of activities available in his organisation.

(c) and (d) Dr. Narendra Mohan Swami, Director of the IIT Delhi, did not visit Cairo and London, under the ITMMEC programme. He was, however, invited by the United Nations University, to select participants at Dar-E-Slam, Addis Ababa and Cairo, for the cource in Energy studies at IIT Delhi, which he did in 1985.

Boycott of the Central Board of Film Censors

1061. SHRI L. GANESAN;
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact, that the film industry has decided to boycott the Cenral Board of Film Censors;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any efforts have been made to resolve the dispute; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b)